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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 8:30 a.m. on 10 March, a convoy of about 11 vehicles including 5 rocket launchers, 1 field kitchen, and 1 ammunition carrier turned off the road at the southern exit of Elsterwerda toward the wooded area.

Drivers and gun crews wore gas masks.¹

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2. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 11 March, a truck convoy occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and steel helmets came from the direction of Finowfurth and proceeded toward Eberswalde. The convoy consisted of about 40 trucks, which towed guns, presumably AT guns of about 70 mm, and carried mortars.²

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3. Troops and materiel loaded at Schoeneweide railroad station on 14 March included troops on 4 boxcars and 4 JS-3 tanks, 2 ZIS-3 field guns, 1 x 120-mm mortar, 8 trucks including 4 with mounted machine guns, 1 workshop truck, 1 jeep, and 1 field kitchen on an undetermined number of flatcars.

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The train was dispatched at about 11 p.m.

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At about 3 p.m. on 13 March, another rail shipment was dispatched. No details were learned.³

1. Comment. vehicles of the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mech Army. Individual exercises of components of this army have been conducted in the area of the Zeithain troop training grounds and north of Falkenberg-Uebigau since mid-February.
2. Comment. It is possible that units of the Fourth Gds Mech Army returned by road from the exercise which was held in the area south of Mueritz Lake and Neuruppin from 6 to 10 March.
3. Comment. The dispatching station of the two shipments supports the assumption that the units loaded belonged to those in the Wuhlheide restricted area which quarters elements of the 7th Gds Mech Div.

The troops are believed to have left for exercises.

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